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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KATUMARU, Masakazu, et al.**

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Examiner: **A. K. PICKARD**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 8, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: